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JAMES COTT NAMED CHIEF OF SDNY CIVIL DIVISION

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern district of New York, announced the appointment today of JAMES L. COTT as Chief of the Office's Civil Division.

Since 2001, Mr. COTT has been Associate Director of Litigation for the NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, Inc. Prior to taking this position, Mr. COTT had been an Assistant United States Attorney in the Civil Division in the Southern District of New York since 1987. He was Deputy Chief of the Civil Division from 1996 until he left in 2000.

Before joining the United States Attorney's Office, Mr. COTT was a law clerk for VINCENT L. BRODERICK, United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York from 1985 until 1987.

Mr. COTT has twice been awarded the Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney, the Henry L. Stimson Medal for Outstanding Contributions to the Office of the United States Attorney presented by the Association

of the Bar of the City of New York, and the Public Service Award presented by the New York County Lawyers' Association.

Mr. COTT is a graduate of Harvard College and Northeastern University School of Law.

Mr. COMEY stated: "James Cott will bring a distinguished record of achievement to his new post as Chief of the Civil Division. With his extensive background in public service, James will be an outstanding leader in his new position to head a critically important section of this Office."

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